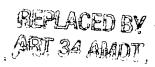


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CLAIMS

- A composite sacrificial anode for immersion in a corrosive environment comprising a plurality of castings
 of a sacrificial material each disposed around a corresponding electrical connector for attachment to a structure to be protected, a part of the surface of each segment being protected from corrosion by the environment by being adjacent to at least one other segment; wherein the castings are connected electrically together only via their respective electrical connectors.
 - 2. An anode as claimed in claim 1 wherein the castings are joined together by a waterproof mastic or resin.
 - 3. An anode as claimed in claim 2 wherein the waterproof mastic or resin coats the surface of each casting around its electrical connector.
- 20 4. An anode as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein each electrical connector is substantially straight.
- 5. An anode as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4
 25 wherein the mastic or resin completely fills any gaps
 between the castings.
 - 6. An anode as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein the castings are identical.
 - 7. An anode as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein the sacrificial material is magnesium or a magnesium alloy.



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- 8. An anode as claimed in claim 7 wherein the sacrificial material is an alloy consisting essentially of magnesium and from 0.15 to 1.3% by weight of manganese.
- 9. An anode as claimed in claim 1 substantially as hereinbefore described.
- 10 10. An anode as claimed in claim 1 substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.
- 11. A method of producing a composite sacrificial anode
 15 for immersion in a corrosive environment and having an
 electrical connection for attachment to the structure to
 be protected, which method comprises casting a plurality
 of segments of a sacrificial material each in contact
 with a corresponding electrical connector, each connector
 20 being at least partly within its corresponding individual
 segment, and electrically connecting the segments
 together only via their electrical connectors.
- 12. A method as claimed in claim 11 wherein a waterproof 25 mastic or resin is arranged to coat the surfaces of the segments around their exposed connectors.
 - 13. A method as claimed in claim 11 or claim 12 wherein each electrical connector is substantially straight.
 - 14. A method as claimed in any one of claims 11 to 13 wherein each segment is identical.



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15. A method as claimed in any one of claims 11 to 14 wherein the sacrificial anode is cylindrical, square, rectangular or segmental, and is composed of between two and six segments.

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- 16. A method as claimed in any one of claims 11 to 15 wherein each segment is formed by continuous casting.
- 17. A method as claimed in claim 16 wherein each segment 10 is forcibly cooled.
 - 18. A method as claimed in claim 17 wherein the cooling is effected by water.
- 15 19. A method as claimed in claim 18 wherein the casting is effected by direct chill casting.
- 20. A method as claimed in any one of claims 11 to 19 wherein the sacrificial material is magnesium or a 20 magnesium alloy.
- 21. A method as claimed in claim 20 wherein the sacrificial material is an alloy consisting essentially of magnesium and from 0.15% to 1.3% by weight of 25 manganese.
 - 22. A method as claimed in claim 11 substantially as hereinbefore described.
- 30 23. A sacrificial anode produced by a method as claimed in any one of claims 11 to 22.

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